U. S. Asks Soviet To Restrict Cuba

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WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Dean Rusk was reported to have informed Latin America's foreign ministers Friday the United States had been pressing the Soviet Union to prevail upon Premier Fidel Castro to cease his subversive efforts in the hemisphere.

It was also understood Rusk told the ministerial group that in his opinion both Soviet Premier Khrushchev and Castro had become impressed with the extent of U. S. concern over Cuban interference in Latin America.

The Latin American ministers have been meeting with Rusk here this week at the ninth consultative ministerial conference to determine what sanctions are to be applied to Cuba as punishment for her aggression against Venezuela last autumn.

Four Oppose Sanctions

A resolution ordering a break in diplomatic relations with Cuba as well as the suspension of trade and the sea communications with her is already assured of a meaningful majority. However, the ministers have spent the last two days in efforts to rephrase it to make it less objectionable to the four countries opposing anti-Cuban sanctions.

These countries are Mexico, Chile, Bolivia and Uruguay, the only American states still maintaining diplomatic ties with Havana. It is known that Mexico does not plan to abide by the proposed sanctions, and that for domestic political reasons the three other governments are not likely to be able to comply with the conference orders before the end of the year.

Deadline Doubtful

Since the interest of most of the ministers here — including that of Rusk — is to maintain hemispheric unity as much as to punish Cuba for aggression, the diplomatic maneuvering these last days has been aimed at finding a formula that would make it mandatory for all American governments to discontinue relations with Havana, but avoid placing a deadline on it.

Rusk's comments on the relationships involving the U. S., the Soviet Union and Cuba came at a secret session of the ministers Friday at the headquarters of the Organizations of American States here.

His comments were made known privately by Latin American diplomats inasmuch as Rusk issued orders to members of the U. S. delegation not to discuss publicly his statement to the ministers.